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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: 1996/97 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 3 - STATE HIGHWAY ELEMENT

We have completed our review of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment Number 3 - State Highway Element, that was submitted with your letter dated May 12, 1997. This amendment adds safety and maintenance projects to various rural non-MPO counties as identified in the 1996 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA approval and inclusion of the subject amendment into California's 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP. We find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The projects programmed by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134]. This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Sincerely,

For
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator